RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION APPLICATION NO. 08/966,940

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No.

08/795,962, filed February 6, 1997, now abandoned, which is a continuation of

application Serial No. 08/586,427, filed January 16, 1996, now abandoned, which is a

continuation of application Serial No. 08/215,030, filed March 18, 1994, now abandoned.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

In Claim 30, line 1: delete "Claim 11" and insert -- Claim 21--.

REMARKS

The present invention is directed to compositions comprising a colloidal

metal, such as colloidal gold, and one or more biologically-active factors. The

biologically-active factors may be admixed with the colloidal metal particles or may be

bound to the colloidal metal particles. In the compositions comprising target molecules,

the target molecule may bind to a receptor on a cell membrane. The composition may

also contain additional components such as excipients, buffers, antigen stabilizers,

carriers, or adjuvants.

The present invention is also directed to methods for administering

biologically-active factors to a human or animal by administering the compositions

described above. Further, the present invention is directed to methods for treating

cancer and immune diseases in humans and animals.

Claims 2-10, 15-26, 28-31, and 33-34 are pending in the application. No

additional fees are believed due with the filing of the present amendment. However,

the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficit, or credit any

overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.